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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Redwood Hall Survey Number: B-3581

Project: Health Sciences Facility/demolition Agency: UMAB

Site visit by MHT Staff: no XX yes Name LLB/RLA Date 5-1-92

Eligibility recommended      Eligibility not recommended XX

Criteria:   A   B   C   D Considerations:   A   B   C   D   E   F   G   None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Located at 751 West Redwood Street at the southern intersection of Pine Street, Baltimore, Redwood Hall is a representative example of a late nineteenth/early twentieth century commercial building rising six stories and measuring three bays wide. Tripartite windows, bracketed cornice, shed roof and first story storefront characterize the building. The first story and the interior have been altered considerably, providing a more modern appearance and materials. Similar examples of this building type with intact storefronts exist throughout Baltimore, for example on Howard Street. The building does not possess unique architectural details to be individually eligible for the Maryland Register. Although once a component of the garment district, the building now stands in the middle of the University setting and its associated mid-to-late twentieth century built environment. For these reasons, the Trust believes Redwood Hall is not eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Places.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: HEALTH SCIENCES FACILITY COMPLIANCE FILE

Prepared by: CALVIN CORELL

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5-14-92

Date

NR program concurrence: K yes    no    not applicable

R Andrews  
Reviewer, NR program

27 July 92  
Date

B-3581  
Redwood Hall  
Baltimore  
yes, restricted/U. of Md.

early 20th C.

Redwood Hall, located on the south side of West Redwood Street between Penn and Fremont Streets is a six-story high, three-bay wide, commercial structure built of brick with architectural decoration executed in poured concrete. The first story is characterized by a recessed central loading door and flanked by auxiliary entrances. The main feature of the facade is a recessed, segmentally arched panel which extends upward from the concrete water-table dividing the entrance level from the second story to a stone belt course dividing the first from the sixth story. At each story level, this panel which contains a trio of 3/3 sashed windows is flanked by 2/2 windows set within rectangular brick panels with projecting concrete sills. The fifth story windows are arched to conform with the shape of the top of the panel. The same fenestration exists on the sixth story which is surmounted by a heavily molded, boxed cornice supported by large consoles.

This early twentieth century commercial building with typical tripartite horizontal design (ground floor, office stories and attic story) belonged, like a number of the neighboring structures on West Redwood, to the Hecht Company from the 1920's to the 1950's.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Redwood Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

701 - 721 West Redwood St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Maryland for use by Univ. of Maryland Telephone #: 853-3683

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Office of University Planning

CITY, TOWN

College Park

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20742

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: RHB 2746

Folio #: 258

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Calvert &amp; Fayette Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE


**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Redwood Hall (721 West Redwood Street) located on the south side of west Redwood Street between Penn & Fremont Streets is a six storey tall, three bay wide brick commercial building dating from the early twentieth century.

The first storey is characterized by a recessed central loading door of paneled metal with a metal surround flanked by fire doors. A second and smaller loading entrance is found in the easternmost bay. A high poured concrete water table and cornice delineate this north facade at street level.

Each of the four storeys above are distinguished by a recessed central panel marked by a trio of 3/3 sashed windows with dressed stone lintels. The fourth storey central set of windows are segmentally arched while the remaining three groups are rectangular. Between each of the four storeys is a projecting brick panel which runs the length of the trio of windows. The entire central bay is framed by a segmentally arched brick surround highlighted by a dressed stone (possibly poured concrete) keystone and  stone at each springer line. On each storey this central section is flanked by windows with 2/2 sash and projecting dressed stone lintels and header brick surrounds.

Dividing the fourth and the fifth storey is a dressed stone (possibly poured concrete belt course. The fifth storey fenestration is identical to that of the first three storeys: a central trio of 3/3 sashed windows flanked by 2/2 sashed windows.

A heavily molded boxed cornice supported by six large consoles crowns the building.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building located at 721 West Redwood Street is a typical example of early twentieth century commerical architecture organized into a tripartite horizontal zone: the ground storey, the office storeys and the attic area.

Land records research indicates that this structure as well as Howard Hall located on the north side of west Redwood and a number of smaller West Redwood Street lots were owned by the Hecht Company between the 1920's and the 1950's.

The building now operates as the Family and Children Center, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

December 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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PROPOSED

B-3584

MEDICAL SCHOOL  
TEACHING FACILITY

839

638

HOWARD HALL

826

8033

NORTH

W. REDWOOD STREET

B-3581

828

REDWOOD  
HALL

UNIVERSITY  
PARKING  
GARAGE NO. 1

827

ST. PAUL CEMETERY

CIDER ALLEY

651

STORAGE FACILITY

831

8006

FREMONT BLDG.

W. REDWOOD ST.

8032

INSTITUTE OF  
PSYCHIATRY AND  
HUMAN BEHAVIOR

819

652

PENN ST. PARKIN

821

824

820

KELLY  
MEMORIAL

8016

SCHOOL  
OF  
PHARMACY  
DUNNING HALL

WHITE-  
HURST  
HALL

W. LOMBARD

3

815

HUTZLER BROS.  
WAREHOUSE

WEST  
LOMBARD ST  
PARKING

823

663

LEMMON STREET

PENN STREET

SCHOOL  
OF  
NURSING

833

SOUTH RECREATION  
AREA

816

LEMMON ST.  
PARKING

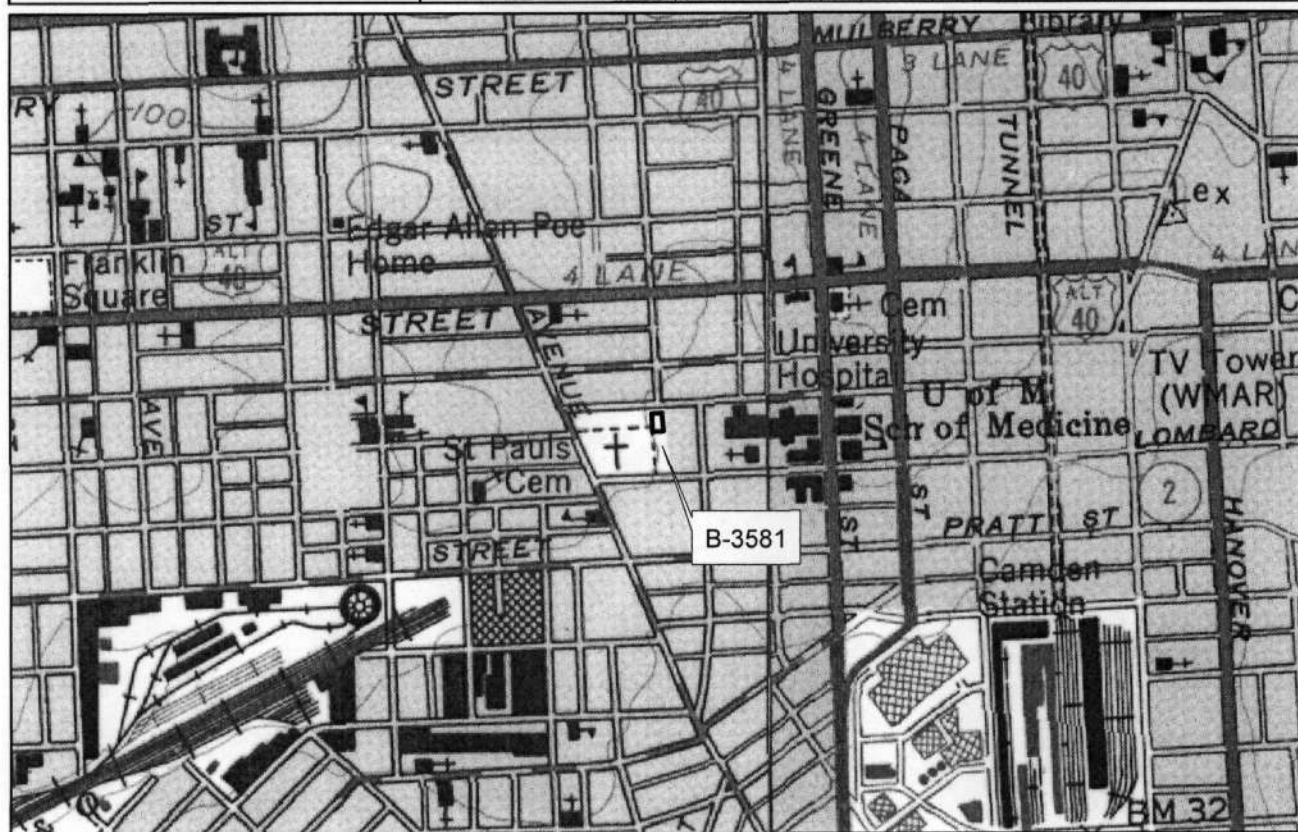
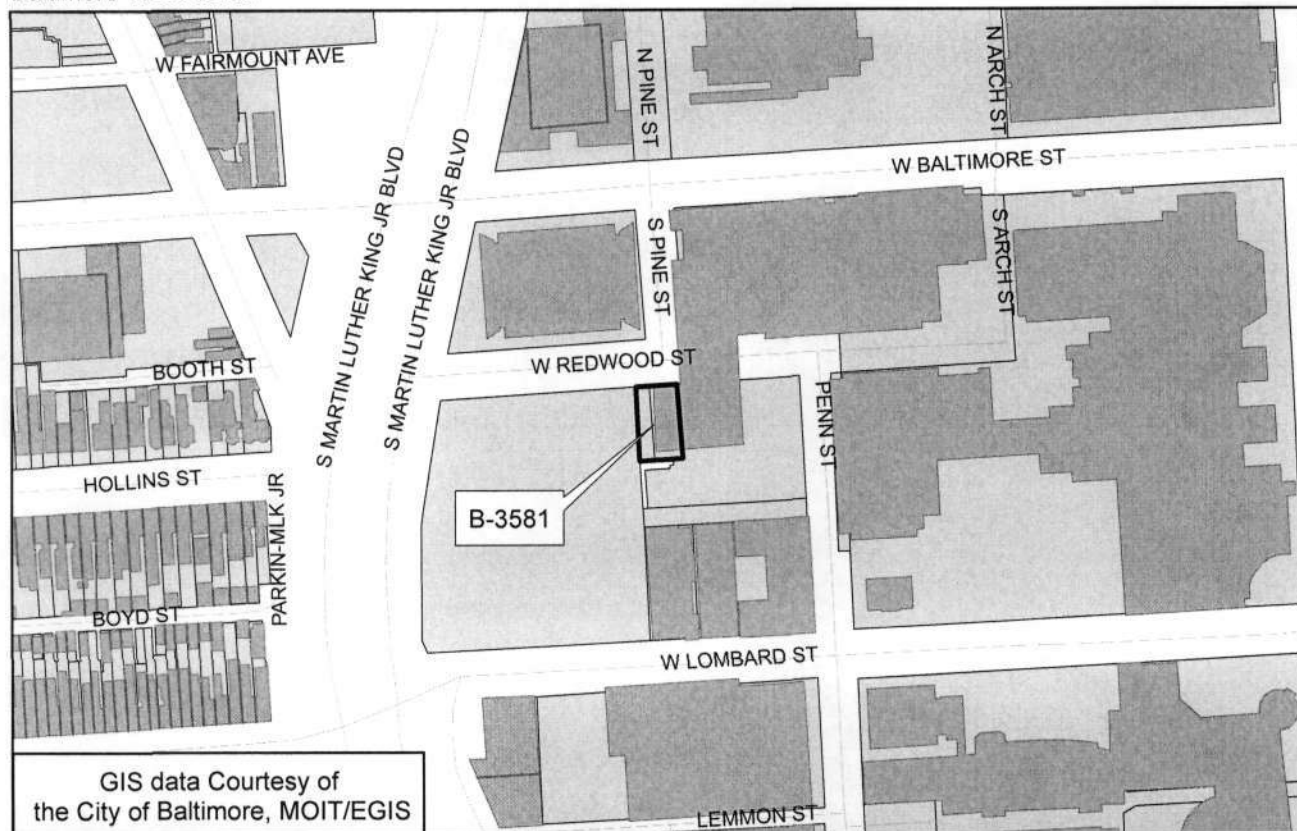
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PARKING

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## Demolished







B-3581

Redwood Hall

701-721 W. Redwood St., Baltimore, MD'

North facade.

12/79      E. Coxe